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SUBJECT: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: JERUSALEM 260

1. WE CONCUR WITH PROPOSAL, REFTEL. HERMANN SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH KAMEL AS SUGGESTED. GIVEN WORDING OF YOUR TELEGRAM, WE WANT TO BE SURE YOU HAVE SEEN STATE 19445.

2. WE PROPOSE TO INFORM PRESS HERE AT FRIDAY BRIEFING, IN LOW KEY, THAT ATHERTON WILL PROBABLY GO TO CAIRO BEGINNING OF WEEK IF CONVENIENT TIME CAN BE FOUND WITH KAMEL. WE WILL SAY WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILS SINCE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE
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DIRECTLY BETWEEN ATHERTON AND CAIRO. (FYI: PURPOSE OF HANDLING IT THIS WAY IS TO STRESS THAT THIS IS INFORMAL ATHERTON INITIATIVE NOT MAJOR MOVE BEING DIRECTED FROM WASHINGTON. END FYI.) WE WILL STICK TO YOUR LINE THAT THIS IS CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL EXPLORATORY TALKS, PICKING UP FROM ATHERTON-KAMEL TALKS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT WITH SADAT. WE WILL NOTE ATHERTON HAS HAD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS

WITH ISRAELIS AND THINKS IT USEFUL NOW TO HAVE ANOTHER TALK WITH KAMEL. WE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A ONE-TIME THING NOT BEGINNING OF A SHUTTLE AT THIS TIME, NOT RESUMPTION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN ANY FORMAL SENSE.

3. RE PARA 2, REFTTEL, WE WILL PROCEED WITH AIRCRAFT ARRANGEMENTS AND INFORM YOU.

4. WE WILL LEAVE TO YOU AND SAM HOW BEST TO HANDLE THIS WITH BEGIN AND DAYAN.

5. WE WILL HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS BY WEEKEND FOR YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KAMEL. VANCE

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